Chefoe, May 19, 11:30 a. m.-Russian refugees who arrived here to-day on a junk from Port Dulny say that the Japanese bombarded Port Arthur

Russian officers who were on Golden Hill, declared, according to the

The warships reported to have been sunk are the battleship Shikishima

The story is not believed here, but the Russians who brought the news

HARBIN

refugees, that during the bombardment a Japanese battleship and a cruiser

FEATURES OF THE WORLD'S FAIR

CHAT OF THE CLUB WOMEN.

everywhere. We "old residenters" are beginning to feel an expansion under the eranium from the mere propinquity. She has many ideas, large purposes; she goes In fact, the club woman is now Exhibit A at the Fair grounds, the delegates to press meetings being Exhibit B.

One club woman, in course of a talk, will look at you and say: "Do you know. I always accept you newspaper people as human beings."

It is quite the way we accept ourselves. but it must be gratifying to all the newspaper men in town to know that the clubwoman extends the hand of friendship... admitting them into the species. The profession surely will reciprocate under these circumstances, and the oath of eternal amity by virtue of the human link may as well be sworn here and now.

It is impossible to estimate the actual effectiveness, or sociological consequenc that's long enough to mean somethingof one woman's club, let alone a federa tion. The women who are visiting with us want to do so many different things in so many different ways that it is a bit confusing. But in some directions their power is a definite quantity and their oranizations have wrought effects.

Of this latter kind are several who have nurtured the social settlement into a flourishing maturity, who have gone in among the poor of a city's slums and have lived in the midst of such conditions on the theory that a higher social life and outlook is chiefly what is needed to encourage better living.

Among such women, who are prominent figures in the convention of this week, are Miss Jane Addams of Hull. House, Mrs. Vander Vart, Miss Annie Nichols and Miss Mary El McDowell. Their work is now weil known nationally, and in general it is regarded as a success. Deeds which must be placed very largely to the credit of these women are the increased severity of child labor laws in various States, the women are the increased severity Introduction of the juvenile court idea and perceptible progress toward compulsory

"I wanted to get out the narrow social circle into which I was born," declared Miss McDowell, "and move in a broader and a democratic society."

Miss McDowell's brown eyes, which snap with enthusiasm, and her facial expression follows the drift of her talk in every par ticular. Her hair is slightly silvered, and her words are very definitely accented. "Now don't mistake me," she continued

meaning; not in the political sense." "I did not suppose," I ventured to say had thought of going into politics. But don't you really think, Miss McDowell, that a man grasps the Democratic idea

better than a woman?"
"No, I don't," she declared, with emvery parrow man and he gid not grasp it "Now, Miss McDowell, that we have at all. And I don't think men do under-thrashed over a pretty big field, you may

big inclusive and not a little exclusive society. That is chiefly our idea. Now. I'm not a philanthropist. Don't say that, good, large giggle. whatever you do I simply find my socieis my pleasure, just as is the society of vations. So come and hear."

MERCANTILE BUYS

AMERICAN CENTRAL

Purchasing Trust Company Pays

\$165 a Share for Majority

of Stock.

Edward Buder to Be Assistant

Treasurer and Several Other

Officers Will Be Re-

tained.

The Mercantile Trust Company absorbed

the American Central Trust Company

jority of the purchased company's stock.

American Central in the afternoon for-

mal action was taken approving the sale,

and within an hour the cash, books and

to the offices of the Mercantile Trust

company, at Eighth and Locust streets.

merican Central will not be determined

at the Mercantile Trust attending to the

details of the transfer and transacting

business with the customers of the pur-

hased company.

The following statement was issued by

and treasurer; Mr. Louis B. Dehlendorf, the leller; Mr. Ross P. Cuddy, general bookkeeper, and other employes of the company will here-

inces of the American Central Trust

Central Trust Company:

ctory and officers of the American

At a meeting of the directors of the

yesterday, paying \$165 a share for a ma

The intellectual woman is with us- | Vandeventer place the pleasure of the

"The only trouble with the philanthroples and the charities of a society like that of Vandeventer place is that they come too obviously as charities and phiat her affairs with a rush and usually is innthropies. There is no human sympa-well dressed, a pleasant thing of woman thy expressed in the doing of them. The beneficiaries of them look upon the donors as snobs who hold themselves aloof. They are inclined to resent favors or gifts which come as from one who holds kimself or herself as superior and distant.

"It is not easy to overcome this obstacle. You find snobbishness or ciannishness among the poor just as you do among the rich. Such will hold and keep you apart from their lives. But the genuineness of your effort, in nearly all cases, is the guarantee of success, and, following out the idea of trying to prove that all men are brothers and sisters, you soon find yourself a factor among the people with whom you are working."

Miss McDowell lives in one of those termed the University Settlements of Chin their scope and purposes, the sole diference being that the University of Cricago founded them. The one in which Miss McDowell works is adjacent to the stock yards. Within a square mile are located all the wast yards and the packing plants which constitute the larges center of the kind in the United States. The environs are thickly populated with a poor laboring element, chiefly of foreign extraction.

"My home is over a feed store," declared Miss McDowell. "Not that I pre-fer to live over a feed store, and as a matter of fact, we are now building a befrer place. But the quarters were the only ones available at the time and they have served very well."

What, exactly, do you do for your people, Miss McDowell." "I don't do anything for them, I do things with them," she replied, laying particular stress upon the prepositions.

Well, what do you do with them." "I try to get them what they want, For instance, the boys may wish to get up a fife and drum corps. They come to me, as they did in one case. I went to work for the fife and drum corps. I finally got the equipment, and now we have one of the best fife and drum corps in Chicago.

"So with other and more serious things the men and women and children about us, and then those that want our assistince, the benefit of what we may know or of a better culture, can get it, and are not ashamed to take it. In this way we build up sewing, millinery or English is ours. Why, I go to any of the stock in defense of my intelligence, "that you yards labor unions while they may be in session and am admitted without ques

"Where does the money for all this come

phasis. "I was talking to a man last the university, But we do not need as night about this very thing. He was a much as you might think."

siand, as a rule. say, one question more: What do you "But, as I started to say, I believe in a think of the Federation of Women's say, one question more: What do you

She laughed. It was dangerously like a

ty among the poorer or lower classes, be- laughing, a pause, then laughing again)lieving that by being with them, by do- really, it does much good-sometimes. But ing things with them, it helps them: it- I am going to tell what I think in my certainly helps me. That kind of society paper to-morrow. Yes, without any reser

"Well, really, Mr. M-; really-(more

Company. B. Schuurmacher, Edward Buder, Louis E. Dehlendorf, Ross P. Cuddy. TRANSFER COMPLETED.

All of the employes of the Mercantile were held at the office until late last right, completing the transfer and getting the business in shape in order that the affairs of the purchased company may be attended to this morning as usual. President Festus J. Wade and G. W.

Wilson of the Mercantile met the directors and President Schnurmacher of the Amer-Chestnut street. Final arrangements were completed, and this morning the offices of the American Central will be vacant, Within an hour after the approval of the directors of the American Central had been voted a carriage drove up to the offices of the Mercantile and heavy leather CASH AND RECORDS MOVED. bugs and boxes containing the cash of the American Central were carired in.

The cash was followed by large tin boxes and stacks of books, which were carried to the desks of the various officials and the transfer was complete. The American Central Trust Company was incorporated in 1902 with a cash cap-

ital of \$1,000,000, upon which it has paid 6-per-cent dividends almost since its or-HAS LARGE DEPOSITS. The statement of the American Central

at the close of business March 28, 1904, shows it to have resources as follows Loans, \$2,598,373.98; bonds and stocks, \$275, 873.50; overdrafts, \$18.70; furniture and fixtures, \$15,000; cash and due from banks

Following were its liabilities: Capital \$1,000,000; surplus, \$500,000; undivided profits, \$49,548.42; deposits, \$1,816,692.43. The Mercantile Trust Company has said-up capital of \$3,000,000, with a surplus and profit of \$7,000,000, and carries depo-

Edward Buder, secretary and treasurer of the American Central, will be assistant ts amounting to about \$12,000,000. Mr. Wade issued the following state treasurer of the Mercantile, but the po-sitions to be filled by other officers of the ment last evening: The Mercantile Trust Company was offere

the controlling interest in the American Central Trust Company at \$165 per share, and, knowing it to be in most excellent condition, safely and Pending a final determination of their conservatively managed, purchased it and paid mpial status, the officers and employes if the American Central will be on duty

cash for same this day.

The report that the Mercantile Trust Company was negotiating for the control of any other financial institution is, in justice to the institutions named, respectfully denied. The business of the American Central Trus

Company will be transacted at the office cantile Trust Company, northeast corner ust and Eighth streets, from and after this St. Louis. May 18, 1804.—To the Depositors and Patrons of the American Central Trust Company: A majority of the stock of the American Central Trust Company has been transferred to the Mercantile Trust Company, with whom Mr. Edward Buder, the secretary and transferrer. Mr. Louis B. Deblerdorf the The officers and employes of the Am

Central Trust Company will be located at the office of the Mercantile Trust Company. In regard to statements that a consolidtion was to be effected between the International Bank and the Title Guaranty Company and the Lincoln Trust, the officials of these institutions made emphatic

SENATOR STONE TO RETURN. we cordisally recommend all depositors and patrons of the American Central Trust Company to continue their business relations with the Europeanitie Trust Company.

(Ramed) B. Schnurmacher, William S. Simpson, F. P. Hunkins, Joseph Wachtel, Morris Classes, Harry W. Gebbert, John A. Nies, H. Departs From Capital To-Day for Jefferson City.

Son, F. P. Hunkins, Joseph Wachtel, Morris
Glaser, Henry W. Gehner, John A. Nies, H.
F. Powitsky, Leo S. Rassieur, S. H. Kleinschmidt, G. A. Buder, William H. Lange, August W. Hager, Edward Buder, Shepard Barclay, Directors.

The understgrand will be pleased to meet the
depositors and patrons of the American Centransfer of the Marcantile Trust

Washington, May 18.—Senator William
J. Stone will depart to-morrow for Missouri, accompanied by his family and his
private secretary. The Senator will go
direct to Jefferson City.
Senator Stone is not entirely well. His
health has not been fully restored since
the severe illness of last winter, though
the recent trip to the seashore proved Washington, May 18.-Senator William

PHYSICIANS ADVISE MRS. FRANCIS TO TAKE REST FOR A FEW WEEKS



MRS. DAVID R. FRANCIS.

Who Has Been Advised by Her Physicians to Refrain Temporarily From Participating in Social Functions.

President of the World's Fair, has been told by her physician that she must refrain from participating in social affairs for at least two or three weeks. He has also recommended that she leave the city in order to get rest and quiet.

It was announced yesterday that Mrs. Francis would attend the reception to be

Mrs. Francis has been compelled to meet many social obligations since the opening of the Exposition, and the strain upon

Mrs. David R. Francis, wife of the her nervous system has been apparent for some time. It was the opinion of her physician that should she continue to actively participate in World's Fair functions se rious results might follow, and as a precautionary measure a sojourn at a West-

ern resort was suggested.

Mrs. Francis has been active in arranging for the reception to the delegates of the that immediately after she would go to a Federation of Women's Clubs, which is to take place next Saturday. She would so take place next Saturday. World's Press Parliament and the deleof the receiving ladies at this reception which will be Mrs. Francis's only appear ance in society for some time.

Arrested at Spring Parade of the Army at St. Petersburg and Bomb Found in Her Dress.

Her Nervousness Aroused Suspicion of Authorities, Says a Dispatch to a Prussian Newspaper.

Breslau, Prussla, May 18.-The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Breslau | Zeitung reports that the authorities detected and thwarted a plot to attack the Emperor with a bomb during the spring pa- morning at 11 o'clock. rade in St. Petersburg May 10

The Emperor always reviews the parade | o'clock sharp, followed by a coach on horseback, taking a position before and slightly to one side of the pavillon from which the Empress and the Grand Duchesses view the pageant.

The municipality erects a grand stand. tickets to which are sold publicly, the names and addresses of the buyers being

As persons in the loges or front rows easily throw in an object to the place from the Emperor stands, the au-thorities naturally reserve the right of canceling the sales of tickets if the buyers are not known to be absolutely trustworthy, and they subject the occupants of the grand stand to the closest scrutiny. Just before the Emperor arrived on the parade ground May 10 it was noticed that Miss Merezhevsky, daughter of a leading Russian psychiatrist and Privy Councilor, Professor Mereshevsky, who occupied one of the loges nearest the pavillor, was nervous and excited.

Risking a scandal, should their suspi-cions prove to be unfounded, the author-Ities rodered her arrest, which was effected unobtrusively.

A search disclosed a skillfully con-

structed bomb concealed in her clothing. The girl did not deny her intention of hurling the missile at the Emperor, but refused to give any other information. Miss Merezhevsky has been an attend ant at the courses in the Women's Unihanged, and her aged father is completely

DIOCESAN OFFICERS CHOSEN.

Annual Convention Adjourns at Peoria to Meet at Quincy.

Peoria, Ill., May 18.-The annual convention of the Quincy Diocese of the Episco pai Church adjourned to-day after elect-ing officers to meet at Quincy next year. The officers are: Treasurer, F. B. Mar-in, Galesburg; secretary and registar, V. H. Webb, Monmouth; standing committee, C. W. Leffingwell, Knoxville; W. H. Moore, Galesburg; Webster Hakes, Peoria; C. E. Chandler, Peoria; T. B. Martin, Galesburg: Lucian Adams, Rock Island; Board Equalization, V. H. Webb, Mon-mouth; C. E. Chandier, Peoria; W. T. Bell, Farmington; J. F. Somes, Knoxville; delegates to General Convention, C. W. Leffingwell, Knoxville; Dean Moore, Quincy; the Reverend Carl A. Nybiadh, Galesrs: lay delegates, H. A. Williamson Quincy; E. J. Park, Quincy; A. H. King. Galesburg; J. S. Talbot, Peoria

DIRECTORS OF THE **GREAT DAILIES**

American Publishers' Association Comes to See the World's Fair and Study St. Louis.

HER EXECUTION IS REPORTED. COACH TRIP FOR TO-DAY.

Will Devote Nearly All the Time to St. Louis and the Fair and Not Give Many Hours to Association's Work.

Publishers' Meeting To-Day. Members of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association will • · assemble at the St. Louis Club this •

A luncheon will be served at 12

One of the most important bodies to meet during Press Week at the World's ers' Association, which held a short ses ion in the Hall of Congresses yesterday and will have meetings to-day and to-mor row, attending to-morrow evening a ban-quet given by is St. Louis members. The Publishers' Association is composed

of the managers and owners of leading metropolitan dailies. The association covers all the large cities of the United States and Canada. The managers of the regular dailles of St. Louis are all mem-It is not expected that a great deal of time will be given to the transaction of ousiness connected directly with the in-

ternal objects of the association. The members are here to inspect the World's Fair, and to study the commercial and civic aspects of St. Louis. To-day they will make a special trip by coach through the Fair grounds and will devote par ticular attention to observation of the Government's Philippine exhibit.

H. Taylor, Jr., of the Boston Globe, is the active manager of that powerful newspaper. The secretary, William C. Bryant, is publisher of the Brooklyn Times, and has been president of the New York Pres Club, and Fire Commissioner of Brooklyn, beside having held other positions of

by S. S. Rogers, business manager of the Chicago News, one of the most brilliantly successful evening papers in the world. Among the other prominent member present from different parts of the con-tinent are Colonel W. W. Screws of the Herald, Montgomery, Als., who is also conspicuous in the affairs of the National conspicuous in the affairs of the National Editorial Association; Urey Woodson of Owensboro, Ky., one of the leading organizers in the National Democratic party; Frank B. Noyes of the famous Noyes family of Washington, D. C., now manager of the Chicago Record-Heraid; L. Clarke Davis of the Philadelphia Ledger, one of the most distinguished journalists Pennsylvania has produced, and father of Richard Harding Davis; Robert Jaffray of the Toronto Globe, which has been called the London Times of Canada.

These metropolitan managers will examine the World's Fair in the broadest spirit. Most of them have visited all the international expositions of this country and many of them have seen the expositions at Paris and other European centers. They are prepared to judge the St. Louis World's Fair on its merits and to enjoy to the full the developments in which it surpasses previous events or departs from the beaten sath.

RUSSIANS SAY JAPS LOST TWO WARSHIPS WHILE BOMBARDING PORT ARTHUR MONDAY

last Monday.

struck mines and sank.

insist that it is true.

and the armored cruiser Asama.

NIUCHWANG TAKEN BY THE JAPANESE; RUSSIANS RETIRING

Force Recently Landed at Kai-Chow Re-Embarks After Destroying Miles of Railroad.

MENACES MUKDEN.

Chinese Say That a Flying Column Is Approaching, and Report Receives Credence.

KUROPATKIN SEEKS TO FLEE.

Will Even Abandon Strong Strategic Point at Haicheng Rather Than Risk Field Battle or Long Siege.

Paris, May 19.-The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Matin says that official advices have been received to the effect that the Japanese have occupied Niuchwang, the Russians re-

PUBLIC AND THE NEW YORK HERALD. Niuchwang, May 18, via Tientsin-(Copyright, 1904.)-After they had effected their landing at Klaochau, the Japanese troops advanced toward Tashichao and destroyed several miles of railway, driving 1,500 troops before

The Japanese then re-embarked from Kiaochau, the combined fleet

The Russians have again entered Niuchwang with 1,000 infantry and two batteries of artillery, but all preparations have been made for another hasty evacuation. The Russo-Chinese | Hamlin Is Unable to Follow Sher- | Premier Frustrates Attempt to

Bank was closed vesterday.

PUBLIC AND THE NEW YORK HERALD Mukden, May 18 .- (Copyright, 1904.) -The Chinese report that a Japanese dying column is moving toward Muk- BOOM FOR) WALTER REEVES. MR. CHAMBERLAIN CONCURS. den, and it is believed that this report

KUROPATKIN EAGER TO RETREAT TO HARRIN St. Petersburg, May 18. -General Kuro

patkin has given up all idea of fighting in his present position and will fall back on Mukden and then Harbin.

He only hopes that on the way he may ounter some smaller Japanese force which he may be able to crush and still from the main army, advancing from the south,

That the railroad is in unsatisfactory condition for heavy work is shown by the fact that the heavy rains caused a wreck north of Mukden in which thirty persons Kuropatkin's decision to withdraw from

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LEADING TOPICS -IN-

TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC. THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT

66 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 7.6. THE MOON SETS THIS MORNING AT GRAIN CLOSED-ST. LOUIS: JULY

WHEAT 846 BID; JULY CORN 674c. CHICAGO-JULY WHEAT 87%C; JULY

For Missouri and Iown-Fair, warmor Thursday: showers Thursday Page.

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t. Missouri Editor Conceived Scheme Kentucky Receives Visiting Editors. 9. World's Fair News.

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Says Whites Are Bleached Negroes. Messenger Fights a Monster Sea Lion.

O JAPANESE TROOPS PUSSIAN TROOPS POSITIONS OF OPPOSING FORCES IN MANCHURIA, s described in dispatches to The Republic. When it is remembered that the try west of the Lino River is neutral, which Russia is unwilling to enter le Chinese be aroused, the peril of Gene ral Kuropatkin's army is readily see even a comparatively small force of Ja panese should obtain a secure po north of Line-Yang or Mukden, it probably would be able to hold his retre check until the main Japanese army, coming from the south, could adminis crushing blow.

ALL PLANS FAIL TO BREAK DEADLOCK

man's Lead and Deliver Delegation to Deneen.

Cannon Has Him Preside Tempo- Publicly Supports Policy of Shelvrarily Over the Convention-Delegates Are Worn Out.

ing the Tariff Question Until Next Session of Parliament.

A DELEGATES STAND FIRM

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REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Springfield, Ill., May 18.-Seven days have elapsed since the Republican State Convention was called to order, and still there is no nomination for Governor. Nor there anything substantial to-night that will justify the prediction that the end is

Nine ballots were taken to-day, the last being the forty-seventh, and there is practically no change in the situation, except that Densen has held the Sherman vote on every ballot to-day. Subtracting Sherman's 50 votes from Deneen's total, there is left 382 approximately the Deneen strength through all the ballots adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow. It was expected this morning that Ham in would throw his strength to Dencen and that Pierce would do the same. It was not believed this would nominate Deneen, but that he would return the compliment to Hamlin and afterwards to

delegates. HITCH IN PLAN. There was a hitch in the program Hamlin could not deliver all his strength to Deneen. It is claimed only forty-two

Sherman by handing them his bunch of

of Hamlin's 111 votes would have been At one time during the afternoon United States Senator Marshai Hitch evolved a scheme to give Deneen all the Cannon district. This would have taken Lowden's nine votes from Edgar, Tates's fourteen from Kankakee, five from Cumberland and seven from Clark and Hamlin's twenty-four from Vermillon and eight from Iroquois, and would have boosted Deneen above 509.

above 509.
Chairman Cannon is said to have objected, unless it was certain to nominate Dencen. Dencen, however, would still have been 25 short of the nomination.
It was the only exciting feature of the day's doings. The first ballot this morning, the thirty-ninth, resulted:

Yates The changes in the intermediate ballots were slight, the last ballot, the fortyseventh, resulting; Tates ...

CONVENTION HABIT. It is a continuous show for the peo Continued on Page Two.

BALFOUR SCORES FIRST VICTORY.

Upset Government by Ma-

jority of 55 Votes.

London, May 18.-By a majority of 55 determination to shelve the question of In this decision Joseph Chamberlain pub-

The motion upon which the question came up was made by Alexander William Black, member from Bauffshire, Scotland. isterial declarations that "protective taxation of food would be burdensome to the people and injurious to the Empire." In purpose the motion was intended to

censure Mr. Chamberlain, and the latter's amendment to it would have split up the resulted in the defeat of the Government. MIDDLE COURSE. Mr. Balfour's own amendment to shelve the question left a middle course open to the members of the Unionist party and, although the amendment was not put, the

House accomplished the defeat of Mr. Black's indirect censure on the ground that it was not now necessary to discuss the fiscal question The net result of the debate is that all parties stand as they were. Sir Michael Hicks Beach and his immediate following practically saved the day by refusing to vote with Winston Churchill, Lord George

Hamilton, Lord Hugh Cecil and other more ardent Unionist free traders against In the course of debate, Lord Hugh Cecil. in scathing satire, denounced the poltoy of his cousin, the Premier. Mr. Chamberiain interrupted him and then a storm of interruptions rose from the Radical and

Liberal benches. ACCUSES CHAMBERLAIN.

At last there was comparative quiet and Lord Hugh Cecil, with much heat, and amid a great uprour, accused Mr. Chambertain of cowardice in dodging the issue by refusing to meet his opponents in the

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach threw a bombshell into the free food camp by announ-cing that he would not support Mr. Black's motion. Then Mr. Chamberlain reiterated that he did not wish to raise the fiscal question in the House. He said he sup-ported the Government and would continue to do so. He hoped that the Pre-mier would take his own time to carry

out his policy.

Mr. Balfour, with a touch of passion, amidst loud ministerial cheers, repudi-ated Lord Hugh Cecil's charge of cowardice against Mr. Chamberlain, saying that Lord Hugh was "the man to be accused of lack of courage."